

**GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS
LOK SABHA**

UNSTARRED QUESTION NO:1214
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PLIGHT OF ANIMALS
DALPAT SINGH PARASTE

Will the Minister of ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS be pleased to state:

- (a) whether the Government are aware of the plight of animals being kept at Pune based National Institute of Virology; and
- (b) if so, the details thereof and the steps taken by the Government to improve their condition?

Answer

MINISTER OF ENVIRONMENT AND FORESTS (SHRI T.R. BAALU)

(a) Yes, Sir.

(b) Many of the animals in the stock of National Institute of Virology were sick. As the upkeep and health care of animals in the Institute did not fully conform with the provisions of the manual on Good Laboratory Practices (GLP), all the animals with the Institute have since been rehabilitated in facilities congenial to their health.